

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
HIROKAZU KAWAMOTO, ET AL. ) : Examiner: V. Rudolph  
Appln. No.: 09/839,158 ) : Group Art Unit: 2625  
Filed: April 23, 2001 ) : Confirmation No. 1598  
For: APPARATUS, METHOD, AND )  
COMPUTER-READABLE MEDIUM FOR :  
OBTAINING PRINTOUTS IN A )  
PLURALITY OF DIFFERENT FORMATS : April 2, 2008  
BY A SINGLE JOB )

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

*Introductory Comments*

In response to the Official Action dated January 2, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Request for Continued Examination is also being submitted herewith.